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SUBJECT: INTERSECTOR ACCESS: ALLIED OFFICIALS ACCREDITED  
TO GDR

REF: STATE 310940

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1. DEPT. BELIEVES RECENT CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATE  
STEPS BY ALLIES IN EVENT GDR SHOULD SEEK TO CHANGE PRO-  
CEDURES FOR ALLIED OFFICIALS CROSSING INTERSECTOR  
BOUNDARY HAS BEEN USEFUL. IT HAS ALSO RAISED A QUESTION  
WHICH DEPT. BELIEVES WARRANTS FURTHER COMMENTS FROM  
EMBASSIES BONN AND BERLIN AND FROM THE MISSION AND EVEN-  
TUAL DISCUSSION IN BONN GROUP.

2. IN OUR VIEW, THE MOST VULNERABLE CATEGORY FOR EVENTUAL GDR INSISTENCE ON PRESENTATION OF GDR VISA AT SECTOR BOUNDARY IS THOSE OFFICIALS ACCREDITED TO ALLIED EMBASSIES IN EAST BERLIN. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ARGUE THAT SUCH OFFICIALS TRANSITING IN VEHICLES WITH GDR REGISTRATION ARE PART OF ALLIED OCCUPATION FORCES IN GERMANY. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THEY REMAIN OFFICIALS OF THE ALLIED POWERS WHO DO NOT ACCEPT THE GDR'S AUTHORITY TO RESTRICT

INTERSECTOR ACCESS. FURTHERMORE, THE SOVIETS HAVE AGREED TO PERMIT BRITISH OFFICIALS (WHO DO NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS) TO USE BRITISH FLAG CARDS IN CROSSING THE INTERSECTOR BOUNDARY.

3. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES DEPARTMENT BELIEVES ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT ALLIED STEPS MIGHT BE ADVISABLE TO BUTTRESS THE PRESENT PRACTICE THAT ALLIED OFFICIALS ACCREDITED TO THE GDR MAY CROSS THE SECTOR BOUNDARY WITHOUT PRESENTING GDR VISAS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE WONDER IF SUCH ALLIED OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT GRADUALLY MAKE GREATER USE OF THE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT FLASH PROCEDURE (THE FLAG CARD FOR THE BRITISH) RATHER THAN THE GDR AUSWEIS. WHILE WE REALIZE THE GDR HAS DENIED ANY INTENTION TO TERMINATE USE OF THE AUSWEIS, SHOULD THEY EVENTUALLY DO SO OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ALLIES WOULD BE IN A STRONGER POSITION TO INSIST ON THE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT FLASH PROCEDURE FOR OFFICIALS ASSIGNED TO EAST BERLIN IF THE PRACTICE IS AS WELL ESTABLISHED AS POSSIBLE. FURTHERMORE, INTERFERENCE WITH THE USE OF THE FLASH PROCEDURE BY SUCH OFFICIALS WOULD BE THE BASIS FOR AN ALLIED APPROACH TO THE SOVIETS WHILE GDR TERMINATION OF USE OF THE AUSWEIS ALONE IN OUR VIEW WOULD NOT.

4. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT THE ALLIES COULD PROTEST TO THE GDR AGAINST ANY TERMINATION OF THE AUSWEIS PROCEDURE, RELYING ON ASSURANCES OF FREE ACCESS MADE UPON RECOGNITION OF THE GDR (STATE 310940). HOWEVER, DEPT. WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE DIPLOMATIC FLASH PROCEDURE TO FALL BACK ON SINCE THE GDR WOULD PRESUMABLY ARGUE THAT IT IS NOT RESTRICTING ACCESS BUT ONLY REPLACING ONE FORM OF DOCUMENTATION (AUSWEIS) WITH ANOTHER (GDR VISA). CHRISTOPHER

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